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ROTC added to Dordt's curriculum

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program of the United States Armed Forces is now available to Dordt College students.

Army ROTC is offering both a basic and an advanced course in military science through an extension program of Iowa State University (ISU). For the 1980-81 school year students participating in the ROTC program will receive credit from ISU. Depending on the outcome of the present year-long study of the program by the Dordt College curriculum committee, the ISU credit may be transferred to Dordt.

Col. Norman L. Rue, head of ISU's Military Science Department, stresses that ROTC is a program which

enables students to get management and leadership training. Students completing the program have the opportunity to enter the Army as 2nd Lieutenants or to join the civilian workforce while serving in either the Army Reserve or Army National Guard. At present there are 17 people, not all of whom are Dordt students, signed up for the courses being offered.

President B. J. Haan, gave a number of reasons why he feels that the addition of the ROTC program will be beneficial to Dordt College. First, students who wish to enter the Armed Forces will be able to come to Dordt College and at the same time begin their military studies and training.

According to President Haan, it is important that we get "our own people," that is, people of "reformed" background into the Armed Forces. Secondly, he said, "There is also a civic responsibility. In terms of being good citizens of our country and of the kingdom of heaven, we must be ready to aid in the defense of our nation. We must love and appreciate our nation without jeopardizing our witness."

Some students have expressed doubt whether the ROTC program will jeopardize or be compatible with the perspective and goals of Dordt College as found on page two of the Dordt College Catalog: "All instruction at Dordt College must arise out of commitment to the Reformed faith as expressed in the Three Formulae of Unity." (The three formulae of Unity are the Heidelberg Catechism, the Belgic Confession, and the Cannons of Dort).

Also, doubt has been expressed because Dordt College allegedly has no control over course curriculum, which is set up and administered by the educational

branch of the Armed Forces. Courses being offered to Dordt College are also being offered at more than 300 host colleges and universities across the country. Finally, the program, it has been said, seems to have been accepted rather hastily. The Army first made a formal proposal to Dordt in early May, 1980, and final approval came on May 22, 1980.

President Haan, responding to expressed doubts, emphasizes that the ROTC program has not been integrated with the Dordt program. "ROTC is a bonafide, academic program, taught by competent people, which is being offered in addition to the Dordt program. We are not jeopardizing the principles or basic goals of Dordt College, but, as a service to our nation, we make available ROTC at our academic institution." As to the charges of hasty acceptance, President Haan pointed out that the ROTC program was readily accepted and approved by a large majority of the Board of Trustees, the governing body of Dordt College.

Kuiper achieves All-American status

Greg Kuiper became Dordt College's first All-American Athlete by finishing fifth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) marathon in Abilene, Texas, last May. Greg was also the recipient of Academic All-American honors, awarded to those with unusual academic ability as well as athletic ability. In addition, he was selected to the Tri-state All-Conference team.

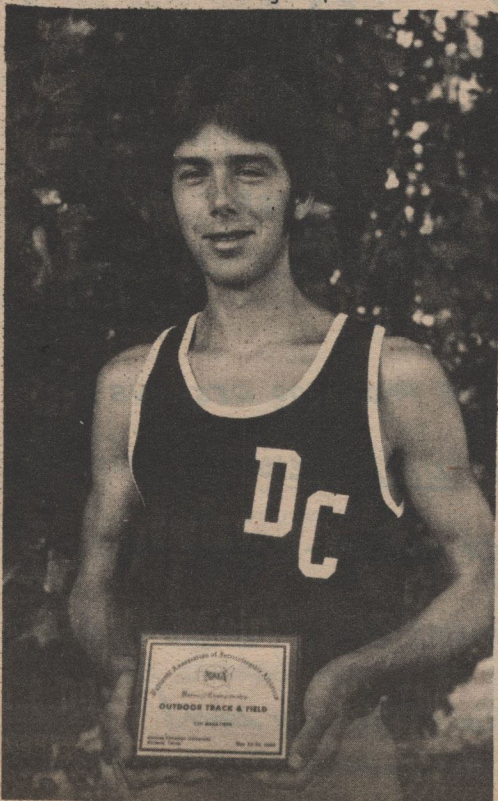
To be eligible for the national meet, one is required to run in two marathons—Greg has competed in seven. He has only been performing in the long distances for two years and has competed in four years of cross-country. Greg says he likes the marathons best, adding he has more confidence in the longer races. However, marathons require he runs 80-85 miles weekly. Despite spending a great deal of time in preparation, he contends that the running gives a tremendous boost to his studying.

Greg will be competing in track next. He insists that running the shorter distances for speed are a great help in the marathons. Track keeps him in shape year round. Greg's running mate for three years has been Jerrold Wynia, who was also selected to the All-Conference squad. Jerrold ran in Abilene last May too, but after main-

taining sixth could not finish the remaining one-half mile of the 26 mile-385 yard course due to the extreme Texas heat.

Greg will not be eligible to run the marathon next spring on the intercollegiate level—So what is the senior from tiny Hospers, Iowa, and tiny Dordt College going to do in the future? Run the Boston Marathon of course, "That's my big goal," he said, "to run the Boston Marathon."

Greg Kuiper holds award



A visiting professor from Calvin College, Stanley Wiersma, is teaching in the English Department filling the vacancy left by Charles Van Hof who left Dordt to take a job with Eerdmans Publishing Company.

Wiersma, who is here for only one year, decided to come to Dordt this year because he had been asked to come numerous times before. Wiersma normally teaches at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has noticed many differences in the students in the two schools.

"The students here are very, very friendly," said Wiersma. "It seems there are less barriers here than at Calvin, but that could be because I eat in the Dining Hall. Students will come and sit with me. I think there's more an aristocratic feeling between teachers and students at Calvin."

Originally from Middleburg, Iowa, Wiersma graduated from Western Christian High School and Calvin College. He received his M.Sc. degree from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1956 and his Ph.D. in 1961.

At Dordt, Wiersma is teaching American Literature, English Grammar and Medieval Literature. He said that the majority of these courses are slightly different than the ones he has taught at Calvin.

"I love to teach stuff that I don't ordinarily teach," said Wiersma. "I want to be busy."

Wiersma's wife, Irene, and their two sons, Samuel and Robert, decided to stay in Michigan rather than follow him to Sioux Center. Wiersma is now living in an apartment owned by the Kenneth Venhuizen's on 8th Street.

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Letters to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

After reading the ROTC ad in last week's Diamond it took quite a while for my true feelings on the subject to surface. Initially I was quite angry. After all, I thought, what place does such a narrow-minded nationalistic program have at a college which honors Christ in all areas of life? But I quickly forgot this slight when I discerned the true insult of the ad: some bureaucrat was using my tax dollars to subsidize our Diamond. It was just another example of the creeping socialism undermining the spirit that made this country great.

It was while I was calling one of my profs to inform him of this conspiracy, that I realized the true genius of the plethora of platitudes present in the ad. Without defining patriotism, the ad told us that everything was right with it; declining to identify the new spirit, it asserted that the spirit was "alive and well on campus." Ignoring Dordt's 200 plus Canadian students, the ad spoke of building "a better tomorrow for all Americans."

There wasn't any conspiracy after all! There wouldn't be a clash between Dordt's principles and the Army's since the ROTC would be an Iowa State University extension program. None of these were problems! The real problem was so apparent that it should have been obvious from the moment I finished reading the ad. The Army clearly did not know how to target the ROTC ad for the Dordt College context. All they did was add a sentence about Dordt offering ROTC to their stock ad. The Army didn't know the principles contained in the ad were antithetical to Dordt's.

Actually I feel sorry for them. The next time they come around I'll take them

to the Writing Center. Maybe someone there could help the Army write a better ad.

Daniel Zinkand

Dear Editor,

I feel that it is my Christian duty to react to your first edition of the Dordt Diamond, September 4, 1980. I noticed that you included many advertisements in that edition, and I attributed this to a lack of articles and columns available so soon after school resumed. It is one of these ads that I must call into question.

At Dordt College, we are taught, almost from the first class period in our freshman year, to guard against any dualism in our beliefs as Christians. We are taught to reject the nature/grace dichotomy; this seems to me to be the right direction to go. We have been taught to believe only in God, the Creator-God, Jahweh. We are to serve Him and only Him in every part of our lives. Our serving and loving God can be expressed in many ways: we are to do so in our school work, our family life, our church life, our business life, our farming life, our political life (including loyalty to our country), etc.

When we become too involved in one of these areas, we absolutize our dedication to it, and it starts to become more important than, or equal to, our service unto God. We are then involved in an "ism". Dr. Vander Stelt in one of his classes has defined an "ism" as an exaggeration or absolutization, i.e. an idol. When we start to find our meaning in life from any single object or area of interest, we are guilty of worshipping an "ism" alongside of (dualism), or rather than our Creator God.

In light of the above, please

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reconsider printing advertising such as the one for the ROTC, on page seven, of the September 4th edition. If we begin to "have faith in America," we are guilty of worshipping the idol of patriotism. It is good to be loyal to one's country, but to have faith in it is to lose sight of our all-encompassing faith in Jahweh.

Yours in Christ,
Harry J. Kits

Dear Diamond Editor,

I would like to call attention to a speech made in chapel on Sept. 4 by Mrs. Grissen. There was a good crowd in that second chapel of the year, so I can safely assume that most of the students at Dordt heard what Mrs. Grissen had to say. It is my hope that the majority of you reacted with the same degree of disgust and outrage that I did.

As Christians, and as Christian students, studying and experiencing God's revelation in the Scriptures and in the creation around us, we must evaluate Mrs. Grissen's presentation of what I consider to be secular feminist ideals (for lack of better definitions I must resort to labels) in the light of a Reformed and Biblical perspective. I ask you to consider one verse (Gen. 1:27):

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him: male and God created he him: male and female he created them."

Mrs. Grissen stated and insinuated (which I feel is the same as stating outright, especially for one schooled in communications) that women today are suppressed from "fulfillment" (described in terms of career) by being somehow socialized into typically feminine roles. A Biblical perspective clearly shows us that we are created man and woman, masculine and feminine. Ignoring this fact, the secularist and the humanist, often in the name of "Women's Lib," states that man "creates" masculinity and femininity; and furthermore, man can change this ridiculous situation through the power of his own mind and reason. At every step of the way these people deny God and His revelations in Scripture and in creation.

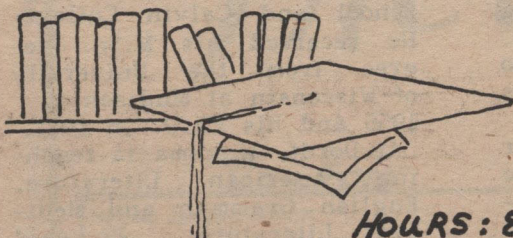
In Mrs. Grissen's statements on marriage and family I felt and heard Motherhood, the most noble and important profession I can imagine, cheapened and degraded. I almost felt that the young women in the audience were being ridiculed for wanting to be mothers.

The "Women's Lib" movement is doing its best to destroy the Christian family in America today. We are called to evaluate the problems they point their fingers at from a Christian, Biblical, and reformed perspective. We must work in harmony, not promoting the discord so cherished by Satan and his forces. The real problems that exist in this world are a result of man's sinful nature, and only through God and his grace can we understand them.

I feel that Mrs. Grissen has challenged us all to really study the women's movement, its goals and objectives, its nature-freedom philosophical ground motive, and the consequences of its activities. Then we must certainly reject this movement and its goals as being unimportant and even damaging to our own lives, and forge ahead to further the causes of Christ and His Kingdom.

Fred L. Vreeman

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Editorial

Although this is the second issue of the Diamond this year, it is the first issue in which the volunteer Diamond staff has participated. Since we are just getting "organized" then, it is a good time to explain just what the Diamond staff is trying to do with the Diamond.

The Diamond constitution says best what our purpose is. Our purpose is "to report accurately the news and to present the opinions of individual students and of the entire student body . . . by means of reportage, commentary, and editorials within a distinctively Christian framework." We want to "lead and influence student thinking" and provide a medium where student opinion may be presented.

As editor I hope to present editorials on controversial issues. For instance, the birth of Army ROTC on campus. Whose fault is it? We need to understand why Dordt's leaders felt we Dordt "Defenders" (of whom 25% have allegiance to Canada) need to become the fourth college in Iowa to enlist this conception.

The opinions heard on campus need to be discussed. Mrs. Grissen's chapel speech of September 4 definitely is worthy of an editorial. While I do not believe in chauvinism, whether it be male chauvinism OR female chauvinism, something I found encouraging in her speech were the discussions she inspired on campus. We need many more chapels which inspire students and faculty and cause us to stop and take a look at life.

There are things on campus which I would like to investigate. For instance, the phenomenon which takes place twice a year at the Dordt College Bookstore. At the beginning of a semester a book is bought for maybe \$14.95, then at the end of the semester, regardless of whether the book was well used or just simply read, it is bought by the same bookstore here on campus for less than half the original price. What kind of economics is this? Capitalism is one thing but taking advantage of students is another.

The policies of the college need to be understood and editorialized. One policy which seemingly needs to be explained and understood every year is the housing policy. This year students, especially girls, were forced to move after they arrived here or were earlier forced from off-campus housing back into the dorms. We are told it had to be done, and I think we should believe it had to be done. However, the methods with which it took place left much to be desired.

Traditional college activities need to be covered. The entire concept of dating here at Dordt is quite . . . interesting. Certainly, by now, everyone in the Freshman and Transfer Student Directory has been rated on a scale of 1 to 10. Girls are setting school records in the 40-year-aash every time the phone rings. Guys sit around at night working out a "Top 10" list which is constantly changing. Then when a date is finally set, major questions have to be answered, like "Does his car have bucket seats?" or "Where do I take her on a date in Sioux Center?" But things could be worse when you consider in some countries the parents pick your life's partner when you are born.

Finally, I believe political issues concerning us need to be covered. This year's Presidential election is worthy of discussion and opinions told. Rather than having opinions based on vague ideas, we should formulate our opinions of the candidates on Christian perspectives. We must formulate our opinions on concrete issues and not on the political rhetoric of a person like Ronald Reagan. Reagan tells us, "I can't do a damn thing for you unless I get elected." Let's hope he isn't elected so he doesn't do a . . . thing for us.

These are the type of issues I hope to editorialize in the future. The views expressed in my editorials are my own. Anyone who disagrees with me or would like to express their opinion on any topic are welcomed to write a "letter to the editor."

Craig Boersema

The Diamond is published by the students at Dordt College. These students are a part of a wider Christian community which looks to Jesus as the Truth. We are striving to develop journalism which proclaims the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Individual opinions may vary, but we hope that the communication of these ideas will stimulate growth in the Christian community.

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'The Sound of Music' opens at TePaske

by Joan Vander Beek

No, Sioux Center Public High School has not turned Catholic. The dozen or so nuns, and the seven children in regimented dress lounging around Te Paske Theatre lately are a sign of something completely different—Sioux Center is being stirred by "The Sound of Music". The shows, scheduled for Sept. 12,13, 19,20,26 and 27 have been in the practising stage for several weeks now, in fact, the lead characters returned to Dordt on August 18 in order to begin an intensive rehearsal period.

The show boasts a cast of almost forty people, with the majority of the cast made up of Dordt students. However, the play also depends on community participation; seven local youngsters were cast as the von Trapp children. Linda Boot as Maria plays opposite John Veltkamp who has the role of Captain von Trapp. Melanie Covert as Mother Abbess, Grace

Van Someren as Elsa Schraeder and Stan Sturing as Max Dettweider are large singing roles. The cast for the play was chosen at the end of the last school year.

Like last year's major musical production, "The Sound of Music" is directed by Prof. Jim Koldenhoven. This year he is aided by Mr. Gerry Bouma and by Mr. Dale Grotenhuis who acts as the Musical Director. A major part of Mr. Bouma's responsibility lies in conducting the orchestra each night. Mike Stair is credited with designing the set.

Tickets for the show were sold out in less than a week, although some Rushline seats might still become available. Patrons are advised to come before 7:30 to pick up their reserved tickets, and anyone hoping to get Rushline seats is urged to come to the theatre at 7 p.m.

Von Trapp children learning Do-Re-Mi



KDCR installs translators

by Lisa Mellema

Two years ago, Dordt's radio station, KDCR, was granted permission by the FCC to erect a new tower southwest of town. The tower would give the station a radius of 20 to 30 miles more, and it would improve and strengthen radio waves. Due to the tight budget of the college, this process cannot be done until a later date. Instead, KDCR is currently installing translators.

According to Lyle Gritters, Vice President for Development at Dordt, this is partly experimental. "The translator is a device we set up somewhere (for instance on a barn) and it receives KDCR signals and translates those signals into another frequency,"

he stated. The reason for this is so that the signals can be rebroadcast at a better strength and therefore, KDCR will have a larger listening audience.

Gritters said he feels the translators are a good idea because they are only six or seven thousand dollars compared with the 250 thousand dollars it would take to erect a new tower. Also less work and time is involved in such a project and KDCR can be more selective about their audience since they have more choice as to where to install the translators. Currently there are translators set up in Britt, Iowa, and Edgerton, Minnesota—others will be completed shortly.

"Instead of just having a larger radius only surrounding Sioux Center, now we can skip around to towns further out with Christian schools and churches," Gritters said. "These people will better benefit from KDCR and Dordt news than those not as interested."

Gritters commented that although the transmitters were working out nicely, the fact that KDCR could not undertake the project of building the new tower was quite disappointing. "Only one month ago we got the final approval for the tower and we couldn't build it with the budget. We had to sit on our plans because we were stuck," he stated. Gritters admitted that the disappointment was largely because approval from the FCC was a long process involving interviews and trying to win social acceptance. If the tower is ever to be built, it must be started within one year of FCC approval or it expires. "Even so," Gritters said, "the translators are a new, experimental thing, and we're glad it's working well. Now Dordt can reach out to certain areas, to those who really want to listen to KDCR."

Dordt farm sponsors field day

by David Klemm

The Dordt College Agriculture Department will be showing off the Dordt College Farm September 25. According to Duane Bajema, Ag. Department Coordinator, the Farm Field Day is open to all Dordt students, faculty, administration and constituents. The Dordt farm is located three miles north and one-half mile east of Sioux Center.

There will be yield comparing at the field day. According to Bajema, variety trials will be part of the research done on the farm in the future.

Although it is an educational venture, Bajema said

the college can't support a farm. "We want an economically viable unit...that doesn't drain on students' tuition." He also expressed hope that the farm would supply work study jobs in the future.

The Ag. Department is considering hiring a consulting firm to fully design the farm. Bajema said this is very similar to hiring an architect to design a building. In the future, Bajema would like to see the farm have a variety of educational experiences, including a dairy, raising beef, swine, sheep and poultry, and research of third world problems.

Dordt graduates teach here

by Jeff Bouma

In the wake of having some of its professors taking leaves this year, Dordt looked to some of its former graduates to help out in the teacher crunch.

Assistance was needed in the foreign language, theology, and art departments. Professor Boot and Dr. Zinkand each took a year off, which created a need for aid in elementary Dutch and Greek.

The art department recognized an overload in Art 101. Laurie Zinkand was asked to help out second semester.

Zinkand graduated from Dordt last spring. This year she returned to pick up some required courses in order to teach art on a grade school and high school level.

Now Zinkand is sitting in on the course that she will be teaching next semester.

Doug Eckardt is taking over some Greek courses this year. Eckardt returned to Dordt after receiving his Master of Arts in Religion from Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia. He feels a loyalty to Dordt, and this, combined with the opportunity of teaching, made it a very comfortable situation. Mike Van Dyke and

Janneke Vander Kooy are teaching in the foreign language department.

Van Dyke, a Sioux Center native, spent his summer in Mexico preparing for his position of teaching elementary Spanish as well as some conversation courses for the first semester. He sees this as a very valuable experience and feels it will give him a real taste of teaching.

Janneke Vander Kooy, a second year transfer student from The Netherlands, teaches two courses in elementary Dutch and handles some conversation. She had planned on a teaching major, but never dreamed that she would be teaching on the college level.

What really impressed most of those in their first year of teaching is the responsibility. No longer are they just responsible for their own grades but they have a responsibility of teaching up to one-hundred students.

None of the new teachers or assistants ever thought that when they enrolled in Dordt they would be teaching here. It seems that they all enjoy it and are finding it a very valuable experience.

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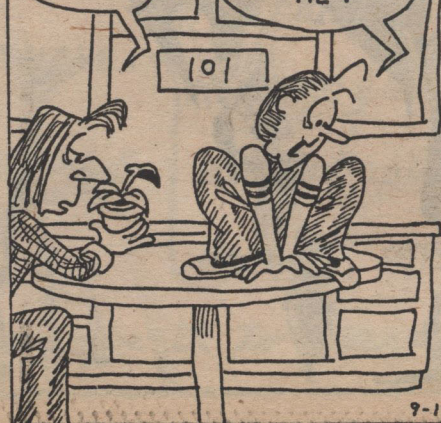
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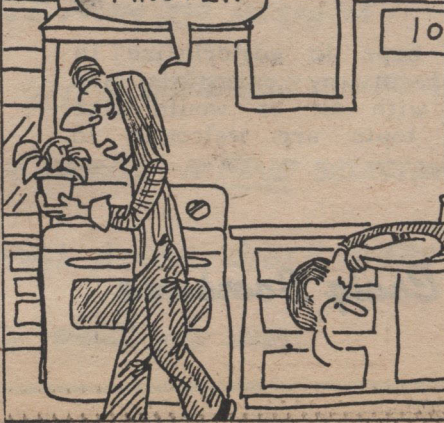


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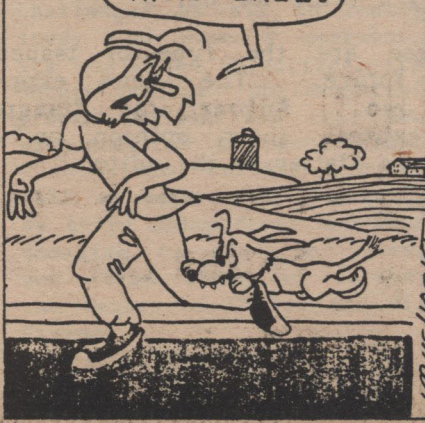
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Commentary

by Gary Duim

Righteousness And Reagan?

"Our message that Ronald Reagan is the Christian candidate of 1980 may sufficiently weaken Carter in the one solid base he has." This statement, referring to the South, was made by a leader of Christian Voice. Christian Voice is one of a number of recently started organizations attempting to use conservative Christianity to influence American politics. At the forefront of these organizations is Moral Majority (MM) led by Jerry Falwell.

MM typifies the mentality of this wave of supposedly Christian influence in politics. Although they do not officially endorse any candidate, MM's stance on a number of issues match up with Reagan's rhetoric. MM believes the politicians Christians should vote for must be anti-ERA, anti-abortion, anti-homosexual rights, anti-SALT II, pro-defense spending increases, pro-Israel, pro-prayers in public schools, pro-free enterprise, etc. The fundamentalist clergymen and their followers who belong to this "new moral right" openly endorse Reagan because he shares their conservative political views on these issues.

We are challenged as Christians to face up to our political responsibilities by the militancy of the evangelical right. We must question whether the new Christian right is being biblically Christian in its beliefs and basis.

Of course MM claims as its basis the Word of God. But there is a difference between always bowing humbly in study of the principles God lays down for our lives in the Bible, and going to the Bible to find justification for a position we are already committed to.

MM is against legal equality for women (ERA) because it is afraid equality will be equated with lack of sexual distinction when the amendment is interpreted. But this is not a good basis for denying women equal rights.

MM is anti-SALT II and for large defense spending increases. The vehement anti-communist mentality of these Christians make them quite comfortable with a man like Reagan who was unafraid recently to characterize Vietnam as a "noble cause." It is bad enough that MM takes this side of the defense and SALT II issue. But what is distressing is the audacity of proclaiming this mentality as the Christian answer. To say they should be against SALT II is absurd to many Christians, including this writer.

MM's position on defense seems to call for military superiority. But why? Any nation that trusts first of all in its arms will fall. MM nowhere calls for the U.S. to have superiority in promoting justice to the poor and oppressed of the world. Nowhere is it con-

cerned that we spend more of our vast wealth on building world security through third world agricultural and community development assistance. No, instead we look to the MX missile system for security.

The evangelical right also professes an allegiance to free enterprise and to less of evil government. Of course this is Reagan's battle cry. Never mind a proposed Reagan defense budget of \$250 billion by 1985 (to pay for the \$33-100 billion MX missile system, among other things). This spending increase does not mean we cannot cut taxes 30%. It has not been explained how this tax cut is going to be paid for while we spend more on defense. But this is only one of the mysteries of Reagan economics. Why not promise to spend more, tax less, and cut inflation at the same time. If we buy that rhetoric, we deserve Reagan. How cutting taxes

(while we have deficits) so the public can consume even more than we do now (often wastefully) will reduce inflation is a real mystery.

The whole conservative philosophy on the environment, energy conservation, nuclear power, big business, etc., needs critiquing by Christians, not uncritical acceptance because we too look first to increasing the Gross National Product as a way to solve all our problems.

Let us as Christians be careful before we decide the Christian stand on an issue or the Christian candidate. We have to question the basis of our beliefs and opinions. Is it possible MM and politically conservative Christians in general have not done enough serious questioning of their political basis and beliefs in the light of God's standard of righteousness for ourselves and our fellowman, found in His Word.

Signet '81 plans student photos

SIGNET 1981 has arranged with a local professional photographer, Mr. K's Studio, to take all individual pictures at no cost to the SIGNET or the student. Four colored proofs will be taken, and these pictures will be available to the student at a cost of \$3.50 if he wishes.

Editor Caryl De Vries re-

ports that almost six hundred 1981 yearbooks were sold at registration, and plans for additional sales on Thursday, Friday, and Monday in the SUB from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. have been made.

Students are urged to order yearbooks at this time to avoid the disappointment of not receiving a copy at registration time in August, 1981. SIGNET 1980 deliveries are nearly completed, and people who have requested to purchase a copy will be contacted within a few days if copies are still available for them.

Thirty individuals have now organized to publish SIGNET 1981, and the staff participated in a workshop, directed by Ron Jacobson of Josten's Yearbook Company, to learn the skills of copywriting, copyediting, layout, and design.

Henry Kraayenbrink of Mr. K's Studio is preparing several attractive packets of photographs of various sizes that will be available to students who wish to purchase pictures as gifts or for exchange. Pictures will be available in time for Christmas giving, and complete details will be announced on various bulletin boards.

SIGNET 1981 pictures will be taken throughout the day on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, October 7, 8, and 9. Plan now to have your picture taken for SIGNET 81 and yourself.

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Studying in Europe broadening experience

by Anya Seerveld

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things, cannot be acquired by vegetating in one corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

- Mark Twain

Dr. W. Stronks, Dutch professor at Dordt College, says, "a foreign educational experience in the context of a broad liberal arts program is to LOOK OUT. A student sees things differently when he gets back. In our local colleges, the students are sometimes protected too much. Studying abroad, the supportive structure is taken away, and

the first step out of the comfortable environment is taken. It's a demanding experience, and we hope that growth occurs," says Stronks.

Joanne Claus, a Dordt College junior, says, "Going abroad is a meaningful experience in general because you have the opportunity to reflect clearly on your own culture. 'Culture' is vague, but if you experience a different one you have contrasting elements for comparison."

Dordt College offers a four-month study abroad program in the Netherlands to anyone. It is a trans-cultural program including individual studies—opening the program to students of all majors.

This year the program has been expanded to Germany. Students wanting to study German would spend their first three weeks in the Netherlands with Dutch families. Then they would cross the border into Iserlohn and study German at the Goethe Institute.

Some students who have been abroad feel studying overseas is better than "just bumming around." Claus says, "I experienced the country in a richer way because my energy was channeled differently than by vacationing or using travel brochures."

Studying in South Holland (one province of the 11 provinces that make up the Netherlands) is different

than any college or university in North America. The "bike and pedestrian reigns supreme" attitude, the unheated bedrooms, and the jungle of plants that hide open-curtained living room windows from peering after dinner walkers, are unique aspects that seem strange at first.

For many students it is a new look at old roots. Often it is a shock; the Netherlands has a "savoir-faire" our North American Dutch communities do not have. The Dutch have Christian schools, a Christian labor party, and a Christian political party, but there is no naivité. There is a "hard-core-ness" that comes with years of working with the unbeliever. There is no head-in-the-hole attitude. It is a head-on fight, and sometimes you lose.

"It's not until later when you're using your experiences as a mirror, that you realize all the insights you have gained," adds Claus.

One of the most important things I learned was accepting people for being different. This does not mean they are right and I have compromised, or that they are ignorant and I have all the answers. It means we can work together.

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Guild forms

Intending to hearten and refine Dordt's amateur creative writers, a guild is forming this semester--this weekend.

But it is not only in the interest of the writers that this council is forming. The idea is to enhance an intelligent critical mind for literature in the whole Dordt community.

In order to promote this mind and to delight the student body, the guild has set a goal to produce at least one student reading this semester, and two or three next semester. Readings will be in the fashion of those performed by Professor Hugh Cook, Professor Jim Schaap and guest writers in past years.

The objective of a creative writer's guild is to assemble students who are creatively experimenting with poetry and prose. They will mutually criticize, encourage and promote the best of each other's work.

Mr. Cook, the sponsor, states, "I want any student who's interested to come; it's not an elitist club."

The organizational meeting is on Saturday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in room C-111.

New professors talk about teaching at Dordt

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He plans to go back to Michigan during the Tri-State break, and his wife will come to visit him for a week in October. Wiersma keeps busy writing on the weekends and is currently working on the last three chapters of a book about the playwright, Christopher Fry, to be published by the Northern Illinois Press. "I really do like it here," said Wiersma. "I like the way they sing in Chapel and in church, and I like the organs here; I sit and celebrate. I hear Bach in church, and I just can't believe this is Sioux Center."

Vander Mey

Randy Vander Mey is filling a two-year vacancy left by James Schaap. He took this job at Dordt to work full-time and to keep in touch with academics. While here, he will be teaching two sections of Grammar and Composition and two sections of Advanced Expository Writing.

Vander Mey graduated from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and received his M.A. in English from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. He received his M.F.A. in Fiction from the University of Iowa and is currently working on his dissertation for his doctorate in English Literature from the University of Iowa.



From left to right: Vander Mey, Attema, Visscher, Wiersma

Vander Mey taught rhetoric, a four-hour composition, reading and speech course on and off for three years while in Iowa University. At Dordt, Vander Mey said, the approach to speech, composition, and reading is much more fragmented. "Here in the English Department, the attitude toward teaching composition is much more conservative," said Vander Mey. "Grammar is seen as essential to composition. At the University of Iowa, grammar is seen as only an interesting part . . . sometimes even scorned."

"Research has pointed us away from grammar, and we've lost sight of the many benefits of teaching grammar. I agree that grammar does not make a better writer; it only makes a dull writer more correct."

Although class sizes are about the same, Vander Mey noticed a difference between the students of Dordt and the University of Iowa. "The students that came to Iowa, in general, came with a more mature view of life. It seems that the students who came to my class had seen more of the good and bad side of life," said Vander Mey.

"Students here have their own virtues; they are more insular, more intimate, more open, more compassionate, more tradition-oriented. They have more of what I value, and more of what I missed at the U of I—things like spiritual depth." Vander Mey added, "Teaching is rewarding and fulfilling and I find the students in both places delightful."

Visscher

From Fremont, Michigan, Jack Visscher is filling the opening in the Business Department that was left by Evert Vander Heide, who is still on leave of absence.

After graduating from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Visscher received his M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University in 1977. Before coming to Dordt, Visscher taught economics at Huntington College in Indiana, a small Christian college operated by the United Brethren of Christ.

According to Visscher, most faculty members and some upperclassmen know him because his brother married Siyroush Soghomoni-an, an Iranian student who attended Dordt in the fall of 1977 through second semester of the 1979-1980 school year.

This semester, Visscher will be teaching two sections of Principles of Economics, one section of Introduction to Business, and the Economic History of the United States.

Besides being interested in economics, Visscher is especially interested in government policy as it relates to agriculture and natural resources. He said he is also interested in the political aspect of economics, and has been influenced by his education at Michigan State and at Calvin.

"There are some exciting things happening in economics, in teaching and in the economy itself. These are very exciting times," said Visscher. "I think class should reflect my approach

to teaching and learning. There is a lot of information in economics, and not enough time to get to it all."

Randy and his wife Sandy, who was a graduate student in the Department of Metal Working and Jewelry at the University of Iowa, live in Sioux Center with their two children, Mike and Gabrielle.

Attema

Art Attema, who replaced Mrs. Noreen DeHoogh, is teaching in the Business Education and Secretarial Sciences Department.

"Mrs. Woodward is still teaching here," said Attema. "I'm replacing Mrs. DeHoogh because they wanted a full-time instructor."

Attema is teaching four Business Education courses: two typing classes (Bus. Ed. 111 and 113); Introduction to Accounting (Bus. Ed. 203) for secretarial science majors, and Office Procedures in Administration (Bus. Ed. 321).

Prior to taking this teaching job, Attema taught for four years at Ripon Christian High School in Ripon, California. Then, he taught for three years at Faith Christian High School in Bigelow, Minnesota.

Attema, who is originally from Rock Valley, Iowa, attended the Christian Grade School in Rock Valley and Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa. After high school, Attema entered the Navy and worked in electronics.

In 1973, Attema graduated from Dordt with a degree in Business Education.

Attema said he noticed several differences between teaching in high school and teaching in college.

"The biggest two things is that the students here are here to learn. In high school, you spend most of your time teaching them to learn," said Attema.

"There's also a lot more preparation here; whereas in high school you were always doing extracurricular things. . . Here there's more time to get the things done you set out to do."

Attema and his wife, Phyllis, have a daughter, Erin Leigh, and a new baby boy. "This is a nice part of the country, and we enjoy being here, but we miss the mountains and the ocean," said Attema.

Attema plans to stay at Dordt for at least two years. "Then both of us will evaluate each other, and proceed from there," he said.

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Thirteen players return to Dordt's soccer team

by Mike Steggerda

The soccer season is upon us and this year promises to be as exciting as last year. Saturday, the Defenders won the Northern States Soccer Conference Tournament. They beat Northwestern in the first game 10-0, and the University of Nebraska-Omaha

4-1 in the second game. Tim De Groot had three goals against UNO.

Dordt has 13 of 18 players returning from a team that posted a 14-4 record and a second place finish in the Northern States Soccer League. The team made it to the National Association

Heading for victory



of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) area playoffs and lost to Quincy College, the eventual number one team in the NAIA Division Three.

This season will also prove to be a challenging one for the Defenders. Schools with weak soccer programs, such as Briar Cliff and Morningside, have dropped from the schedule to make room for schools with better programs like Bethel, Creighton, and Concordia.

Quentin Van Essen is Dordt's coach. This is the first time Van Essen has coached a soccer team, but says he knows the game well. He is catching on to the finer points of the game and gets a lot of help from co-captains Ron Zantigh and Pete Ellens.

Van Essen feels the team's strong point is the offense where all the starting half-backs and forwards are returning students. The full-back position will be the only one with new starters. Van Essen says that sophomore Bill Elgersma and freshman Rudy Folkerts

should fill the void. He added that the goalie position is solid with junior Mark Kooistra.

Dordt has eight home games this season.

Sept. 18	Augustana	H	7:30
Sept. 20	SDSU	T	2:00
Sept. 25	Northwestern	H	7:30
Sept. 27	Concordia	H	1:00
Sept. 30	UNO	H	7:30
Oct. 4	USD	H	7:30
Oct. 7	Creighton	T	?
Oct. 9	Northwestern	T	3:30
Oct. 11	Augustana	T	?
Oct. 15	Bethany	H	7:30
Oct. 18	SDSU	T	4:30
Oct. 23	UNO	T	8:00
Oct. 25	USD	T	?
Oct. 29	Bethel	H	7:30
Nov. 1	District Playoffs		
Nov. 7, 8	Area Playoffs		

Intramural games begin

by Ena Kaastra

Intramurals began last week Thursday. They are organized by a council of five students--Mark Mulder, sr.; Cheryl Hoekstra, jr.; Lavonne Ponstein, jr.; Joe Mulder, fr.; and Rhonda Haan, fr. Mr. Tom Visker and Dr. Syne Altena are the faculty advisors.

According to Visker, the intramurals are starting well. There are 11 teams for men's football, three for women's fast-pitch softball, and six for women's slow-pitch softball.

An open golf tournament and a 100-mile club are in the planning stages, said Visker, and will be followed by volleyball. Basketball, bowling, and men's fast-

pitch softball are tentatively scheduled for second semester.

Visker added that the IM Council will be conducting a survey around mid-semester this year. With this survey, the IM Council plans to find out how many students are involved in intramurals and what the students would like to see changed.

The results of the survey, said Visker, will be used to design a new intramural program. This proposal will be put before the Student Council next semester, but no changes will occur until the 1981-82 school year.

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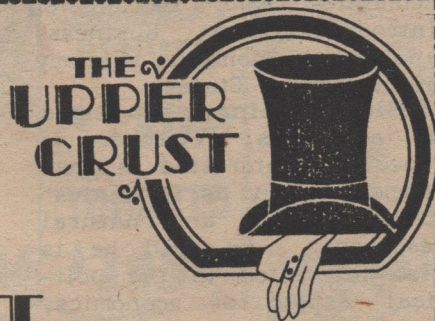
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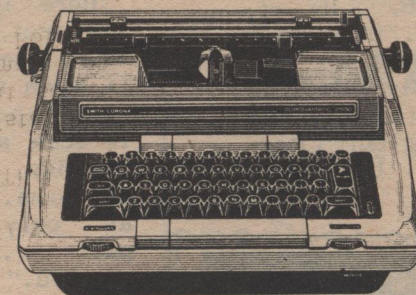
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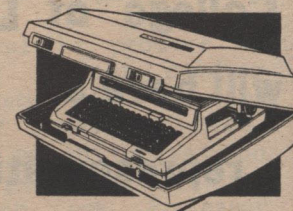
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